

REMARKS

The status of the claims is as follows:

Original: 2-17
Currently amended: 18 and 20
Previously presented: 1
Canceled: 19 and 21-23
Withdrawn: None

Claims 1-18 and 20 will be pending with entry of this amendment. Reconsideration is requested.

The word "either" has been removed from claims 18 and 20 as being unnecessary in the context.

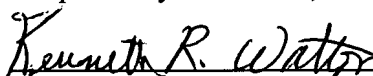
The withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-13 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is acknowledged.

The rejection of claims 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, has been maintained. The Examiner has asserted that the assay data does not provide sufficient support for inhibiting HIV integrase or delaying the onset of AIDS. Without conceding the correctness of the Examiner's position, claim 19 directed to inhibiting HIV integrase has been canceled, and the recitation in claim 20 directed to delaying the onset of AIDS has been removed. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the deleted subject matter in one or more continuing applications. In view of the cancellation of claim 19 and the amendment to claim 20, withdrawal of the section 112 rejection is requested.

All of the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is asked to telephone the undersigned should any minor matters need to be resolved before a Notice of Allowance can be mailed.

Respectfully submitted,

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